GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:30
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IMPLEMENTATION OF DRINKING WATER PROJECT BY NALCO IN ORISSA
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some villages of Orissa are affected due to collapse of Ash Pond;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a drinking water project is proposed to be launched by the National Aluminium Company (NALCO) in these areas of the State:

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by NALCO to implement the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRTY OF MINES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A portion of dyke of Ash Pond No. 2 of Captive Power Plant of NALCO, Angul breached on 31.12.2000 accidentally and flooded some portion of agricultural land belonging to 25 numbers of revenue villages on the bank of Nandira rivulets as detailed below:
i. Total agricultural land affected 968 acres
ii. Total Govt. land (including Nandira river bed 160 acres and 140 acres on the banks) affected 300 acres

(c), (d) & (e) Yes, Sir. NALCO has agreed to support a drinking water project for affected areas as detailed below:-

(i) The project covers a population of 30,000 in 13 affected villages.

(ii) The Scheme has been designed by Govt. of Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs. 5.72 crore.The Scheme will be implemented by Govt. of Orissa and the entire cost of construction will be met by NALCO.

(iii) The operation and maintenance of the Scheme will be undertaken by Govt. of Orissa.

(iv) NALCO has advanced Rs. 1.00 crore to the Govt. of Orissa for the Scheme so far.